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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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12 RAUL ARELLANO, JR.,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 DR. K. DEAN, et al.,

16 Defendants.
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Case No.: 15-CV-2247 JLS (JLB)

ORDER STAYING ACTION

19 On March 26, 2020, Plaintiff Raul Arellano, Jr., a state prisoner proceeding *pro se*,
20 filed a Motion to Appoint Counsel (“Mot.,” ECF No. 117). The Pro Bono Panel has been
21 unable to appoint Plaintiff an attorney due to the COVID-19 national emergency.

22 “District courts have inherent authority to stay proceedings before them.” *Rohan ex*
23 *rel. Gates v. Woodford*, 334 F.3d 803, 817 (9th Cir. 2003), *abrogated on other grounds by*
24 *Ryan v. Gonzales*, 568 U.S. 57 (2013). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to
25 the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with
26 economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*,
27 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936).

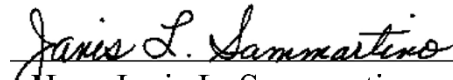
28 After considering the totality of the circumstances of this litigation, including the

1 stage of litigation, and whether a stay would cause undue prejudice or present a clear
2 disadvantage to Plaintiff, the Court determines that staying the case will best conserve
3 judicial and party resources.

4 Accordingly, this action is **STAYED** for ninety (90) days from the date of this Order.
5 After the ninety-day period, the stay will be lifted and proceedings will resume in this
6 Court. It is further ordered that Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Counsel (ECF No. 117) is
7 **DENIED** without prejudice. Plaintiff **MAY REFILE** any Motion for Appointment of
8 Counsel within forty-five (45) days after the stay is lifted.

9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

10 Dated: October 16, 2020


11 Hon. Janis L. Sammartino
12 United States District Judge
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